

GUIDANCE ON CONTACT TRACING FOR SCHOOLS

A COVID-19 confirmed or probable case has been reported (typically by a parent or Central District Health).

Conduct investigation to determine when symptoms started and when infectious period began.

If the individual did not already report the case to Central District Health, report case to your point of contact at CDH or its call center. CDH will conduct its own investigation.

Was the infected individual at school during their infectious period?

NO

UNKNOWN

(different dates given from CDH and own investigation)

YES

No in school contact tracing needed. Report any out of school close contacts discovered during investigation to CDH. Close contacts can be reported to your point of contact.

Call your point of contact at CDH to discuss the situation and determine infectious period.

Obtain list of close contacts from student and parent during investigation. Review contacts for classes, the bus, lunch, recess, sports/other activities, and review any other resources to finalize a close contact list.

Were the case and student contact both wearing a mask appropriately while in a classroom setting with at least 3 feet of distance between them? Appropriate mask wearing means both were wearing a snug fitting mask that covered both the nose and mouth.

NO

UNKNOWN

YES

Are the close contacts fully vaccinated for COVID-19? Fully vaccinated means they have received all doses of the vaccine and it has been at least two weeks since the final dose.

NO

Recommended quarantine of 7-14 days from exposure date.

More details found, [here](#).

Report these contacts to your point of contact at CDH.

Any close contacts who test positive for COVID-19 or who have symptoms should begin their 10 day isolation regardless of their vaccination status or prior infection. Begin contact tracing for these contacts if they were infectious at school.

Student contact does not need to quarantine from school or extracurricular activities, but should quarantine from the community and monitor for symptoms. Report contacts to CDH for potential follow-up.

YES

Contact does not need to quarantine. The fully vaccinated contact should test 3-5 days after exposure. After the exposure, they should wear a mask in public for 14 days or until the negative test result. If the test result is positive, they should isolate and contact tracing should occur.

A **close contact** is an individual who was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more, cumulatively, over a 24 hour period. New CDC definition states that in a K-12 indoor classroom setting, if both the case and the student contact were appropriately wearing their mask, and had 3-6 feet of distancing between them, the contact is still allowed to attend school and extracurricular activities, but must quarantine from the community.

This exception only applies to student contacts that were between 3-6 feet from the case. Anyone unvaccinated and closer than 3 feet still needs to quarantine regardless of mask status.

This exception only applies to students.